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## THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

### SHARAPOVA BANNED FOR TWO YEARS BY ITF

The career of Russian former world No. 1 Maria Sharapova was in tatters on Wednesday after she was given a two-year ban by the International Tennis Federation (ITF) following her positive test for the banned drug meldonium at this year's Australian Open. In a statement, the ITF said the 29-year-old five-times grand slam champion's ban would be backdated to Jan. 26 this year, meaning her results and prize money from the Australian Open, where she reached the quarterfinals, would be canceled out. Sharapova said she would appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), describing the punishment as "unfairly harsh." She said an independent tribunal in London on May 18-19 had found that she had not intentionally violated anti-doping rules. **REUTERS**



### TWO SC AIR NATIONAL GUARD PILOTS SURVIVE MID-AIR CRASH

Two South Carolina Air National Guard fighter pilots ejected safely from their jets after they collided over eastern Georgia while performing routine night operations, the National Guard said on Wednesday. The two F-16 fighter jets collided at about 9:15 p.m. on Tuesday over a military area in Jefferson County, Georgia, and then crashed, the South Carolina Air National Guard said on Facebook. The pilots of each of the single-seat aircraft ejected safely after the mid-air collision, and there were no reports of injuries on the ground, the guard said. The incident comes five days after a Navy Blue Angels flight demonstration squadron pilot was killed when his F/A-18 crashed in Smyrna, Tennessee, and an Air Force Thunderbirds squadron pilot was unhurt when his F-16 jet crashed in Colorado. **REUTERS**

### MORGAN STANLEY PAYS \$1M SEC FINE OVER HACKED CUSTOMER DATA

Morgan Stanley agreed to pay a \$1 million fine to settle U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission charges that security shortfalls enabled a former employee to transfer data regarding roughly 730,000 accounts to his personal server, which was later hacked. The former employee, financial adviser Galen Marsh, accepted a five-year securities industry ban to settle related civil charges. Marsh was sentenced last December to three years probation after pleading guilty over the data breach. Morgan Stanley did not admit or deny wrongdoing in agreeing to settle with the SEC. **REUTERS**



# Victory for Kenney: 1.5-cent soda tax passes City Council

City Council voted to pass a 1.5 cent per ounce tax on diet and regular sodas favorably out of committee on Wednesday night.



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Philadelphia City Council voted in favor of a 1.5-cent per ounce tax on regular and diet sodas after 8 p.m. on Wednesday, after a terse hours-long hearing that saw numerous delays.

City Council passing the measure marks a major victory for Mayor Jim Kenney on his first major legislative push since taking office in January, though Kenney originally pushed for a 3-cent tax.

The vote came after months of aggressive lobbying and advertising against the tax funded by major soda manufacturers.

"This has been a rather difficult process for a number of us," Council President Darrell Clarke said before the vote. "We hope that the outcome is one that will obviously benefit pretty much every citizen in the city of Philadelphia."

"The action that we will take will probably have some people with a sour taste in their mouth, but we believe working with those individuals on a long-term basis, we will ensure this will be a fair and equitable solution," Clarke said.

The amended soda tax bill passed favorably out of the Committee of the Whole, but it still has to be voted on during a full session, but enough council members support the amended bill to guarantee it will pass.

Various groups for and against the tax sprang up overnight, with opponents labeling the proposed tax on soda and other sugary drinks "re-



Soda will be taxed by the ounce. GETTY IMAGES

gressive" and calling it a "grocery tax," while supporters' tactics included invading the offices of unsupportive council members.

The soda industry reportedly poured millions into their campaigns, which included widespread TV and online advertising, while supporters of the tax, including former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, spent millions as well to push the benefits of the tax.

More than 50 locals got their turn to make their voices heard during a contentious hearing on Wednesday afternoon, delivering testimony on the pros and cons of both the soda tax, and Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown's proposed alternative container tax. The hearing followed another contentious hours-long hearing on May 4.

Many focused on the funds a soda tax would bring to Kenney's proposal of universal pre-k programs for the city's children.

"If 90 percent of the brain is developing between 3 and 5 years of age, while I'm sitting here, somebody is turning 5 years old, and we may have missed the critical period," Philadelphia

NAACP chapter president Rodney Muhammad testified. "If we don't do something now, then we pay the misery tax later — endless programs trying to repair lives, the cost and burden for public safety on the city's budget, long prison sentences, the list just goes on and on."

Kenney had touted the 3-cent proposal as bringing in more than \$400 million for schools — with \$256 million funding pre-K, \$56 million for Kenney's \$300 million plan for rehabilitating parks, rec centers and libraries; \$26 million for city pensions, \$23 million for a green jobs plan, and \$39 million toward community schools.

But instead the mayor's push yielded a compromise — City Council voting to pass a slightly lower tax on sugary drinks, 1.5 cents per ounce on sugary drinks, as well as diet sodas.

But City Council's vote doesn't guarantee the tax will take effect. The American Beverage Association may be planning a legal challenge to the tax by arguing it is a "sales tax," City and State PA reported. Such taxes can only be passed by state officials.

Republican City Councilman David Oh argued

at the hearing that a rebalanced city budget could provide the same projected tax revenues.

Oh said his staff found in the city's 2017 budget \$180 million in "disguised over-allocations," in large and unneeded sums of money that are traditionally "parked" in the budgets for various city department, and then tapped by the city in various ways over the course of the year.

"If you want our city to move forward with universal pre-K (\$26 million), community schools (\$4.2 million), improvements in parks and recreation facilities, and rebuilt community infrastructure (\$12.5 million), your wish can come true. Don't believe that you need to pay extra for it," Oh wrote in a letter. "Let's get the city's budgeting in order before we resort to increasing taxes."

Berkeley, California, is so far the only other city that has a soda tax of 1 cent per ounce that went into effect in 2015.

Bloomberg failed to get a soda tax passed in New York City in 2010, and in 2013, a ban he instituted on soda being served in larger than 16-ounce servings was blocked by a state judge.

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## FIREWORKS IN STATION

**Fireworks set off inside SEPTA station**

SEPTA authorities are looking for the person who set off fireworks in a Market-Frankford Line station Tuesday.

The firecrackers exploded in a cashier's booth at the 56th Street Station, and the suspect fled after lighting the explosives, the Philadelphia Inquirer reported.

SEPTA Transit Police Chief

Thomas J. Nestel III tweeted a photo of the incident Tuesday, and SEPTA spokeswoman Kristin Geiger confirmed the event to PhillyVoice.

"Someone did throw fireworks behind a cashier's booth," Geiger said. "We're still looking into the matter. It remains under investigation."

The cashier was unharmed, and the suspect remains at large. ALEXIS SACHDEV



Fireworks are set off at 56th Street Station. TWITTER/THOMAS J. NESTEL III



An employee stocks wine at a liquor store. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

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## Bill would put wine in grocery stores in the state

The House voted 157-31 on the measure to reform liquor sales.



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Long-sought reforms on the sale of liquor in Pennsylvania may finally become a reality, after the House passed a sweeping modernization bill Tuesday.

Pennsylvanians may soon be able to purchase up to four bottles of wine to go at restaurants, hotels and convenience and grocery stores after the passage of House Bill 1690. Existing state stores would remain in place.

If the bill is enacted, Pennsylvanians could see wine in grocery stores by November, House Republican spokesman Steve Miskin told the Philadelphia Inquirer.

The measure passed through the Republican-controlled House with overwhelming approval, 157-31, and now heads to Gov. Tom Wolf's desk, PennLive reported.

It passed through the Senate last year.

The governor has previously said he's

open to expanding the availability of wine and beer to other locations, but opposes privatization. In July 2015, Wolf vetoed Republican legislation that would have closed state-run liquor stores and permitted private sales, saying the measure would result in higher prices for customers.

House Republicans are now moving away from efforts to privatize and toward modernization, which seeks to make existing stores more customer friendly. Wolf has echoed the necessity for modernization, telling PennLive in February 2015 that he's "for Sunday sales."

Among Republicans leading the charge is House Speaker Mike Turzai, who sponsored House Bill 1690.

"We are, in fact, going to move Pennsylvania into the 21st century," Turzai said Tuesday. "It is an important, historic step and this is a product that is shared by all of us."

This measure comes less than a month after the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board voted to permit the sale of six-packs at gas stations, a step that Wolf supported.

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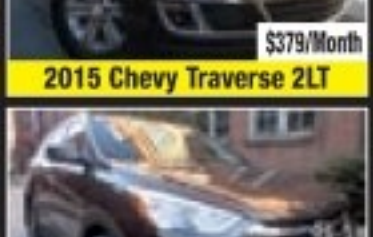
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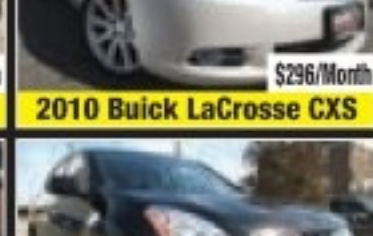
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# Donation gives Philly K-9s new body armor

Four-legged Philly police officers just got an extra level of protection.

The Philadelphia Police Foundation nonprofit announced Wednesday that they had received 23 canine body armor vests, thanks to a \$22,000 donation from local philanthropist Joanne Berwind.

"It will be the first time in many years that each canine will have its own, specially-made body armor," the foundation said in a press release.

Each dog will have its body armor custom-fitted to its size.

"The Philadelphia Police Foundation is grateful to Joanne Berwind for her generosity and concern for the safety of the K-9 Unit's four-footed police officers," said Police Foundation Board President Maureen Rush

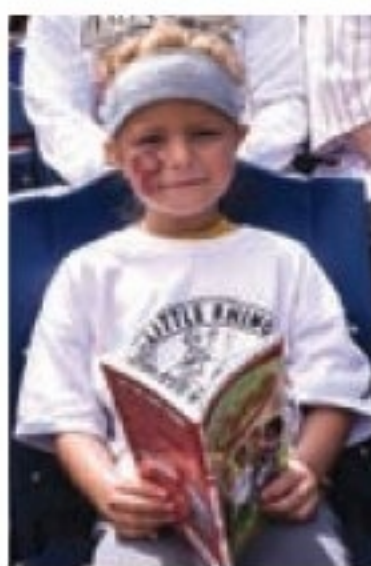


Winchester, a K-9 with the SEPTA police, who has since retired  
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in a statement. "I know the entire police force, especially the officers assigned to the K-9 Unit, join me in thanking her for her actively stepping up and assisting the police department through the Police Foundation."

SAM NEWHOUSE

## Ryan Howard reads passages from his book



Ryan Howard may be having a tough go of it on the baseball field, but you can't knock his performance when it comes to his true passion — kids.

Before Philly's matinee against the Cubs on Wednesday, Howard and his wife Krystle hosted over 3,000 kids from local elementary schools and read (and acted out passages) from his kids books about the "Little Rhino."

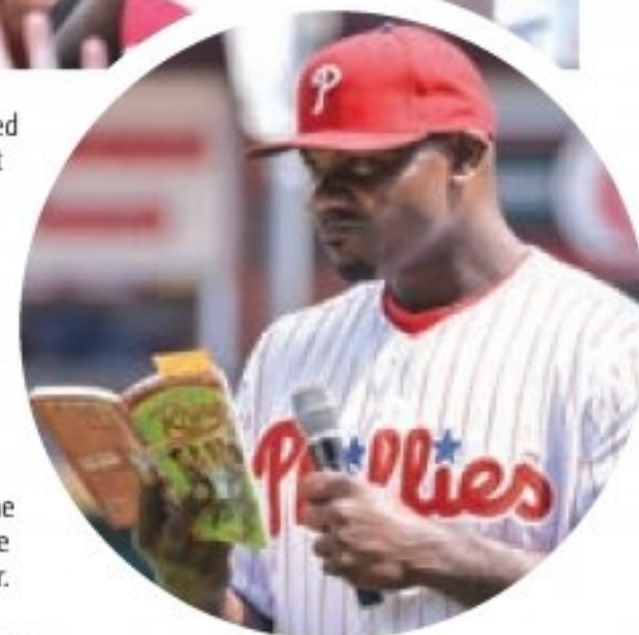
Howard couldn't help but flash his million-dollar smile (or, technically \$25 million). The

slugger is expected by many to be cut from the squad later this season or at season's end.

But judging from the reception he gets in a room — or stadium — full of kids, perhaps he has an easy choice for his next career.

EVAN MACY

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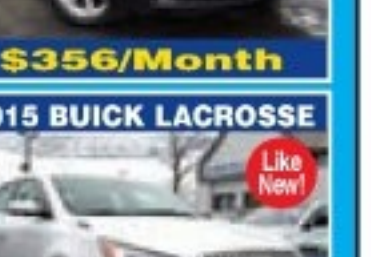
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# Garbage collector discovers cat in trash in Upper Darby

A cat that was bagged and tossed into the trash was rescued by an Upper Darby garbage man this week.

The live, healthy-looking cat was "tossed into a trash bag, sealed and thrown out with yesterday's trash," the Providence Animal Center announced Tuesday on its Facebook page. "She's our miracle kitten saved thanks to a conscientious Upper Darby trash man."

The animal cen-

ter named the cat Grundgetta, after the girlfriend of beloved "Sesame Street" character Oscar the Grouch, who lives in a trash can by choice.

It is appealing to the public to find a foster home or adopter for the cat.

The animal center is also asking anyone who has information about who may be responsible for tossing the cat into the garbage contact the Providence Animal



Grundgetta, after she was rescued from a bag of garbage by an Upper Darby trash collector. PROVIDENCE ANIMAL CENTER

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## SHOOTING AT DRIVE-THRU

### Man gunned down in Norristown drive-thru

A Montgomery County McDonald's was the scene of a deadly shooting late Tuesday when a man was gunned down by two suspects.

Witnesses told police that around 11:30 p.m. on the 200 block of West Main Street in Norristown, two men chased the victim into the drive-thru lane and fired at least 10 times, NBC10 reported.

Police said the victim was shot six times, according to 6ABC. Then the suspects fled toward the transportation center across the street.

The unidentified man died between the speaker box and

the pick-up window.

Police are still investigating a possible motive behind the shooting.

The McDonald's opened for business Wednesday morning.

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# Pressure builds upon judge over Stanford sexual assault case

The uproar over the sentence is part of growing outrage in the United States over sexual assault on college campuses.



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Sen. Barbara Boxer on Monday decried a California judge's decision to sentence a college athlete to just six months in jail for sexual assault, and signatures on an online petition calling for the jurist's ouster later passed 400,000.

The sentence last week by Santa Clara County Judge Aaron Persky against former Stanford University swimmer Brock Turner gained international attention after a letter from the athlete's father to the judge that was posted online described the assault

as "20 minutes of action."

"Six months for someone who viciously attacked a woman, especially after she was so brave to come forward, is outrageous," Boxer said in a statement.

Last week, the victim in the case read a 12-page letter to the court detailing her feelings in the wake of the assault. It was later read millions of times online. The victim's name has not been released to the public.

In the Stanford case, prosecutors said that wit-

nesses saw Turner, 20, on top of the woman as she lay motionless outside a fraternity party in January 2015. When Turner ran away, two students tackled and held him for police, prosecutors said.

Turner in March was convicted of intent to rape an intoxicated and unconscious person, penetration of an intoxicated person and penetration of an unconscious person. His lawyer said that he was considering appealing the conviction and had filed a notice of intent to appeal with the court.

An online petition at Change.org urging the removal of the judge had collected more than 400,000 clicks of support by Tuesday afternoon, in a largely symbolic gesture.

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# Islamic State loses ground on fronts in Syria and Iraq

Islamic State's far-flung enemies in Syria and Iraq pressed ahead on Wednesday with major advances on multiple fronts that have put some of the greatest pressure on the ultra-hardline Islamists since they declared their caliphate two years ago.

A spokesman for a U.S.-backed alliance in northern Syria said it was poised to enter the city of Manbij, a week after launching an assault with the aim of cutting off the last stretch of Turkish frontier still under Islamic State control.

A short distance further west, rebels fighting against both Islamic State and the government of President Bashar al-Assad said Islamic State fighters had pulled out of an area near the border.

Assad's forces, backed by Russian airpower, also launched an offensive against Islamic State last week and have advanced

in territory further south.

At the opposite end of the self-proclaimed caliphate, 466 miles down the Euphrates River, Iraqi government forces said they had fought their way into built-up areas of Falluja, the second-biggest city in Iraq under Islamic State control and the militants' closest bastion to Baghdad.

The Iraqi government is backed both by U.S. air power and by Shi'ite militia allied to Washington's regional foe Iran.

A five-year civil war in Syria and the weakness of the Iraqi government have made it difficult for world powers and their allies on the ground to coordinate a campaign against the militants.

But the simultaneous attacks on a variety of fronts have created unprecedented pressure on the militants, who have imposed harsh rule over territory with millions of



Iraqi government forces arrest men suspected of belonging to the Islamic State. GETTY IMAGES

inhabitants while making enemies of all global and regional powers.

The campaign by a U.S.-backed alliance called the Syria Democratic Forces (SDF) is the most ambitious so far waged with support of the U.S. in Syria, where Washington previously lacked effective allies on the ground.

A small contingent of U.S. special forces troops are assisting the SDF, which was formed last year to combine militarily successful Kurdish militia with Arab allies more acceptable to Washington's NATO ally Turkey. REUTERS

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# Clinton and Trump draw battle lines for ill-tempered campaign

All signs point toward a negative campaign between Clinton and Trump for five months.

Presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump kicked off a fierce general election battle, with Democrats accusing Trump of erratic behavior and the Republican threatening to bring up old Clinton scandals.

Clinton, the former secretary of state, made history when she became the first woman to lead a major political party in its quest to capture the U.S. presidency. Big primary election wins on Tuesday in California and elsewhere catapulted her to victory over Democratic oppo-

nent Bernie Sanders.

If elected on Nov. 8, the 68-year-old would return the Clinton family to the White House 16 years after her husband, Bill Clinton, completed two terms as president.

The Clinton campaign drew on critical comments from Republicans themselves to portray the 69-year-old Trump as not fit for the Oval Office after the real estate developer repeatedly accused a Mexican-American judge of showing bias against him because of his ethnic heritage.

Clinton campaign manager Robby Mook charged Trump with a history of "erratic behavior," the same language leveled by the Obama campaign in its defeat of Republican nominee John McCain in 2008.

*"The most effective thing to do with Donald Trump is just to get his words out there and let him speak for himself."*

Clinton campaign manager Robby Mook told CNN

Trump gave a carefully crafted primary race victory speech on Tuesday night laying out his plan of attack. To keep him from straying off message, he used a Teleprompter and avoided his typical stream-of-consciousness delivery.

Trump said money given to the Clinton Foundation charity



Hillary Clinton



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from foreign donors has earned the Clintons millions of dollars and had a corrupting influence when Hillary Clinton was secretary of state and used a private email server to conduct official business.

"Hillary Clinton turned the State Department into her private hedge fund — the Rus-

sians, the Saudis, the Chinese — all gave money to Bill and Hillary and got favorable treatment in return. It's a sad day in America when foreign governments with deep pockets have more influence in our own country than our great citizens," Trump said.

He said he would give a speech next week "dis-

cussing all of the things that have taken place with the Clintons."

A Reuters/Ipsos poll on Tuesday showed Clinton leading Trump by 10 percentage points nationally, little changed from a week earlier.

Both Clinton and Trump have work to do to unite their parties behind them but the Democrat appeared to face the easier path with Sanders, a leftist senator from Vermont, nearly out of options to challenge her.

Trump has an uphill battle, with many party leaders still opposed to him. U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Paul Ryan described Trump's remarks about the judge as a "textbook definition of a racist comment" but said he would still support him. **REUTERS**

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## Bobby Brown opens up on '20/20'

Once successful R&B star Bobby Brown let it all out in an interview with Robin Roberts on "20/20" Tuesday night. He not-so-subtly blamed the untimely death of his 22-year-old daughter Bobbi Kristina on her boyfriend, Nick Gordon ("He knows what happened") and owned up to drug use throughout his 15-year marriage to the late Whitney Houston. He also admitted he struck Houston one time while "trying to maintain sobriety," but says he isn't a "woman beater."

Brown, who is, unsurprisingly, in the process of promoting his tell-all autobiography, "Every Little Step," was forthcoming about Houston's drug habits, claiming, "She did drugs. They didn't do her." He also said the couple would partake in binges, but were always mindful



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not to do drugs directly in front of their young daughter. Somehow Brown still thinks they "failed" as parents.

The 47-year-old also claimed that Houston cheated on him with Tupac and had a secret lesbian relationship with her assistant, Robyn Crawford. But it's cool: Brown said he hooked up with Madonna and Janet Jackson in the meantime. "I was not trippin'."

Also, for funsies, Brown added that he had sex with a ghost in a Georgia mansion he bought: "One time, I woke up, and yeah, a ghost. I was being mounted by a ghost." Life is so exciting when you're Bobby Brown.

## Ellen DeGeneres sued over 'Titi' joke



Sticks and stones may break your bones, but words can lead to lawsuits — if you're Ellen DeGeneres, at least.

A Georgia real estate agent named Titi Pierce is filing a defamation lawsuit against Warner Bros. and the comedienne,

claiming "invasion of privacy, defamation and emotional distress," according to the Associated Press.

The lawsuit is the result of a segment that aired on DeGeneres' show back in February and again in April. The segment, titled "What's Wrong With These Signs?" pokes fun at storefronts, ads and signs that fans send into the show. DeGeneres used a sign for Pierce's real estate business to make a joke about breasts, mispronouncing the agent's name as "Titty Pierce" rather than the correct "Tee-tee Pierce."

The lawsuit also alleges that Pierce was subject to "ridiculing and harassing" phone calls after the producers of the show failed to blur out her cell-phone number in the segment. No one from the show has commented on the matter.

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## Rachel Roy supposedly ran away from Beyonce

Is Rachel Roy "Becky with the Good Hair"? Do we know by now? Because honestly, it's been weeks and someone from the FBI forensics lab needs to start returning our calls.

Gathering more evidence in the "yes" column: Roy supposedly bolted from the CFDA Awards earlier this week after she heard Beyonce had arrived. The "Formation" singer attended the event to accept the secret Fashion Icon Award but Page Six reports rumors

began that evening when Jay Z, Blue Ivy and Tina Knowles arrived to the show. According to their sources, Roy bolted: "She just disappeared with her place card and never came back."

Still, pals of Roy's told the pub that she had to catch a flight, and the designer has sworn there's "no validity" to the reference in "Lemonade" and her alleged affair with Jay Z.



## Richard Simmons is NOT becoming a woman

A rumor began circulating yesterday that fitness guru Richard Simmons was becoming a woman, instigated by a National Enquirer story that claimed he's now a "soft spoken woman named Fiona."

Simmons' rep, Tom Etsey, fired back at the allegations: "He is not transitioning into a woman. He has decided to live



quietly the last few years. He had knee

surgery a few years ago and has a bum knee."

Over the weekend, Simmons was hospitalized, which concerned fans of the 67-year-old.

In response, Simmons assured them over Facebook that he was OK and was simply "dehydrated." He further advised: "Summer is here — drink plenty of liquids."

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# Patrick Wilson doesn't do horror

But he will do it if the script is as good as the ones for the "Insidious" or "Conjuring" movies.



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Patrick Wilson doesn't want to be a horror actor. And yet he's been in four of the most successful horror films of the last five years. The Tony-nominated actor has appeared in "Insidious" and its first sequel, plus "The Conjuring" and its new follow-up — all four directed by one person: James Wan of "Saw" and "Furious 7." Wilson isn't

likely to do horror for anyone else, especially since "The Conjuring 2" — in which he reprises his role as paranormal investigator Ed Warren, who patrols for potential ghosts along with his wife Lorraine (Vera Farmiga) — allows him to do very un-horror movie things, like regale some frightened children with an Elvis song.

First off, nice Elvis impersonation.

[Laughs, adopts Elvis

voice] Thank you. Thank you very much.

Was that something that was in the script or did you and James Wan come up with it on the spot?

I've tried that in every movie I've been in, and no director has ever bit. [Laughs] No, that was his idea. When he came on board [for the second one], that was the first scene he wrote. I got this text randomly asking, "Do you play guitar?" I responded, [sounds suspicious] "Yes, why? What do you have in mind? Is this some charity benefit you want me to do for you?" I remember thinking, "OK, here we go." That shows you a lot about him. I love the fact that he's constantly trying to push the genre.

His horror movies are



In "The Conjuring 2," Vera Farmiga and Patrick Wilson reprise their roles as Lorraine and Ed Warren, noted paranormal psychologists seen investigating the noted Enfield haunting case of the late '70s. WARNER BROS. PICTURES

like that: They have real meat for the actors.

James knows how to create scares better than anyone. But he also loves character. When you think about the great horror films, there's always something else, whether it's adult drama or it's about parent-child relationships, husbands and wives, family and stress.

You want to have those character moments. You want to get invested in these relationships. Vera would say the same

thing: We love playing these people. They have very human moments, and I think that's why people actually enjoy these films. That's why there's the Elvis scene, the romantic moments Ed and Lorraine have. That's the good stuff.

It is a cool portrait of a couple. You rarely see married people who are that much in love in movies.

That's true. It's nice to play, to have it. Otherwise

we'd be bored. [Chuckles]

Since doing these films, do you tend to get a lot of horror scripts?

I would imagine my manager and agents do. I don't, because they know I would just turn them all down. [Laughs] If someone has the guts to say to me, "I have this horror script," it doesn't get past the "h" and I say, "I'm not interested." People will try to do it in different ways: "Well, it's more of a thriller!" Right. Sure it is.

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# Alexis Taylor's emotional enthusiasm

The Hot Chip frontman gets vulnerable on his new solo release.

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Hot Chip frontman Alex Taylor is far more than a genre-melting electronic lothario. On his second solo effort, "Piano," the British musician takes a break from wreaking dance floor havoc to deliver an LP that features a scaled-down Taylor singing over the heart-swelling instrumentals. The result is an album that is full of clear-eyed, cathartic intensity that revels in unhinged musicality.

"I'm not really sure whether or not I could have that impact on — I just knew that [making the album] was emotional for me," Taylor explains. "It's really tricky subject matter and everyone will have a differ-

ent response to it. Some people don't feel anything at all; others feel a lot. But I want 'Piano' to have a deep impact."

From the blistering opener "I'm Ready" to the raw emotion of "In The Light of The Room," "Piano," out June 10 from Moshi Moshi, is Taylor's most vulnerable project to date. However, he doesn't seem too concerned with the feedback he'll receive from loyal Hot Chip listeners.

"I don't feel like I'm expecting a different response from fans because 'Piano' is barer and stripped back. I'm nervous for any record I make, not more so with this one," Taylor explains. "There's not more of me on display — I just made a record that's more revealing of the self. That's what I tend to do and 'Piano' is a natural progression of where I've been."

Although Taylor jumped into the making

of "Piano" with equal amounts of enthusiasm that he has for all of his records with Hot Chip, he acknowledges the difference in creative output. "We've been a collaboration for years, so the emotional input into the music is going to be different since it's a shared project. We're a dance music synth-based pop group, [and] I am still that person even though Hot Chip isn't just me," Taylor reveals.

"I also don't get much feedback from the band on my solo material because it's hard to share this thing you've chosen to do without them in a way. I wasn't sure if they wanted to hear it."

Regardless of Taylor's artistic inclinations, he remains adamant about wanting to produce music that's powerful. "I don't always want to do something radically different in sound. With 'Piano,' I wanted purer sounds and, more importantly, sonic clarity."



Hot Chip's Alexis Taylor looks intimately inward for his new solo album. REDFERNS

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# Why being politically correct matters

## JENNA BUSCH

Geek Girl in Hollywood



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Are you tired of being politically correct all the time? I hear this over and over again when I write stories about women in the geek world. One of my writers just posted a fantastic story about the "X-Men: Apocalypse" ad showing Jennifer Lawrence's Mystique being choked by Oscar Isaac's Apocalypse, and how Fox's apology wasn't enough. I've been fielding misogynist comments ever since.

"Oh, the writer must be a stupid blonde chick." Nope. It's a guy. "No one would care if it was Nightcrawler." No, because he's a guy and the statistics for violence against men aren't exactly the same as for women. "Stupid political correctness is turning us all into p—ies."

Nope. We're just trying to point out the entrenched misogyny that makes the epidemic of violence against women acceptable.

The same day as this, there was a story about a judge who gave a rapist, Brock Turner, a six-month sentence because a longer prison term "would have a severe impact on him." His father thinks even six months is "a steep price to pay for 20 minutes of action." You cannot begin to tell me entrenched sexism isn't a problem.

Between that story and the one where the newest "Ghostbusters" ads didn't feature a single woman from the all-female main cast, I've been dealing with people telling me

I'm imagining things — that it's not that bad, that I'm over-reacting.

Here's the thing about being politically correct: If all things were equal, a simple scene from the film on a poster might not be a big deal. If we weren't worrying about the rapist instead of the victim, and whether or not he gets to compete in the Olympics instead of the scars this woman will bear for the rest of her life, maybe a movie ad that erases the female leads wouldn't be a big deal. Maybe we wouldn't notice. Maybe if this were a perfect world, talking about this stuff wouldn't matter.

Well, it's not a perfect world yet. And I'm not done talking.

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# Condiment in the Reading Terminal Market: 'So simple it hurts'

You can finally buy fresh condiments along with your fresh produce.



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When Elizabeth Halen opens Condiment with the walls of Reading Terminal Market this month, several aspects of its ideology will hit you like a ton of bricks. First, its name, as in how did no one ever call a food spot Condiment before? "It's so simple, it hurts, right?" says Halen, the longtime owner of Flying Monkey Bakery in the market.

Then there's the personal reason as to how Halen came to conceive of a homemade sauce salon, butter boite, curry club and maker of

couture mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, fruit preserves and such.

"My boyfriend and I make mostly everything we eat from scratch, so that when he was temporarily out of work, I told him to do something around the house — make our butter, for instance." Not only did he accept the challenge, that fresh cream butter tasted better than any butter before.

Last, but not least, with her bakery a crucial part of the market, Halen watched as consumers of quality fresh meats, fish and produce had to go elsewhere for the same level of quality

## things to do

when it came to putting together a meal.

"Sauces for meats or desserts, ketchup that didn't sit on a shelf, that sort of thing, even premade pie crusts or dough — people had to leave Reading Terminal Market for those goods. I wanted to create something that would keep shoppers in the market.

We could do it all here."

From there, the concept of Condiment was born, with all of its goods being made from scratch. "Have you ever tasted grass-fed cream butter?" she asks. "We'll make it daily." This also means that the usual overabundance of sugars and shelf-sitting artificial preservatives are gone from ketchup or mustard. In their place is all organic ingredients that, as much as possible, are sourced within the market for the sake of sustainability.

"That means for our turkey gravy, Condiment will use carcasses from Bassett's Original Turkey as well as the onion and celery peelings that they use for stuffing," says Halen. "We're going to reduce the amount of food waste by repurposing it."

Yet, the real job of Condiment is to help

you prepare a series of taste sensations where every element of a meal is as high in quality as the fresh organic meat or produce that you've purchased at the market.

"Condiment is the final step," says Halen.

For example, let's say you buy fresh prime rib from Martin's and broccoli at Iovine's but don't know exactly what to do with them? Or maybe you need suggestions for an entire meal? Halen has created a bound recipe book with ideas as to what to do and how to get the ingredients you need.

"Let's say you buy our butter and want a particular herb taste — we'll do it for you," she says of her suggested combinations. "Maybe you're grilling a steak tonight. We'll add some blue cheese and herbs to that butter and make that

marinate right there for you. You want a taste for your mayo for sandwiches that afternoon? We can make that immediately."

As we were speaking, Halen was putting finishing touches on a Thai chicken curry dish that all you need to do is buy the chicken, jasmine rice and veggies, and you're home free. Plus, Condiment is not crazy expensive. If you want a pound of grass-fed cream butter, it's \$6.99. If you need less of it, Condiment will prepare that for sale. "Some people don't have room in their fridge for 24 ounces of ketchup," she says.

In the long run, Halen's Condiment and the rest of Reading Terminal Market is looking to be a one-stop shopping experience: "a food resource rather than a food court."



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"Have you ever tasted grass-fed cream butter?" asks Condiment founder, Elizabeth Halen. CONDIMENT

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## 18 THINGS TO DO

# Ways to celebrate Pride in Philadelphia

Pride is a year-round phenomenon, but LGBT brothers and sisters take to the streets in June to honor the very first Pride celebration: a demonstration in New York City's West Village honoring the first anniversary of the 1969 riots at the Stonewall Inn. Yes, a parade and party are great fun and a beautiful visualization of our vast and diverse manifestations. But there's more to Pride than that. Here are a handful of ways to celebrate in the City of Brotherly Love.

**1 The William Way Archives let you peak into the past**  
Free. 1315 Spruce St. 215-732-2220. [Waygay.org](http://Waygay.org). Open when the William Way LGBT Community Center is, which is practically 365 days a year, the archives have an awe-inspiring collection of newspapers and magazines, photos, and over 50 years of LGBT-related memorabilia associated with political activism.



Production still from "Time is on Our Side" SIMPATICO THEATRE PROJECT

Archivist John Anderies and curator Bob Skiba are happy to accommodate researchers and plain ole curious queers alike – an email to give them a heads up is wise, though ([archives@waygay.org](mailto:archives@waygay.org)).

**2 Simpatico Theatre Project's "Time Is on Our Side"**

\$10-\$15. 1512 Spruce St. 267-437-7529. [Simpaticotheatre.org](http://Simpaticotheatre.org). R. Eric Thomas, local and beloved self-proclaimed "dramedian," has crafted a wonderfully compelling history-minded play that engages generations of gay-rights struggles. In inheriting her hero grandmother's house in South Philly, Annie discovers a journal that's juicier than she might wish. The Schuylkill Project is her history podcast with her queer best friend, Curtis, and their dynamic is hysterical and poignant. It

runs at the Drake through June 26.

**3 See some queer-flavored live music and bask in the clientele**

[Manncenter.org](http://Manncenter.org). Concerts can be an ideal place to meet like-minded gay people. Can you imagine the crowd at Dolly Parton's Wednesday night Mann Center performance? She'll dazzle as the icon she is.

[UTPhilly.com](http://UTPhilly.com). If you're still standing on Sunday, you can catch queer punks PWR BTM open for Pity Sex at Union Transfer, where there'll be no shortage of wonderfully-weird queers.

[TheBorgata.com](http://TheBorgata.com). Or head to the shore for two nights of Wanda Sykes at the Borgata in

Atlantic City (plus the B-52s are at Harrah's Resort Friday night).

**4 Philly Pride Parade and Festival goes off with a big, fabulous bang this weekend**

Free-\$15. June 10-12. [Phillypride.org](http://Phillypride.org). Gay boys and girls will be parading through Center City on Sunday at 11:30 a.m., from 13th and Locust streets to Penn's Landing. It's our day to be unapologetically gay, wearing whatever we want, kissing friends, sisters and lovers publicly. We're here, we're queer, get used to it (as they say). The kickoff party Friday night is just as fun and free as the parade, but the Penn's Landing festival will put you back \$15 (price of admission gets you Deborah Cox, though, plus the Prancing Elites).

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#### Philadelphia Pride

June 10-12  
Various locations and prices  
The rainbow flags come out in full force this weekend as Philadelphia celebrates its LGBTQ community. Pride festivities begin with a block party on Friday at 6 p.m. at 12th and Locust streets in the Gayborhood. The Philadelphia Dyke March kicks off with a rally at Kahn Park on Saturday. And Sunday sees lively floats snaking their way through town during the Pride Parade.

#### Stars & Stripes Saturday

June 11, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
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House, where Old Glory will be celebrated amongst old-timey carnival games, circus performances and a Punch and Judy Puppet show. Check out facebook.com/StripesStarsPHL for a list of National Flag Week events taking place throughout the next week.

#### Street Pub Philadelphia

June 11, 2-10 p.m.  
South and Second streets  
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In celebration of the last weekend of Philly Beer Week, Deschutes Brewery is shutting down a couple streets in the Headhouse District for its daylong craft beer block party. Suds will be flowing from 60 taps situated on a custom-made 402-foot bar. To soak up all the alcohol, local chefs will be on hand serving up grub. This is just one of many Philly Beer Week haps taking place over the weekend. See the full itinerary at Phillybeerweek.org.

#### Odunde Festival

June 12, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.  
23rd and South streets  
Free  
Billed as one of the largest African-American festivals in the country, Odunde takes up 12 city blocks in South Philadelphia for a celebration inspired by the Yoruba people of Nigeria. A colorful procession from 23rd and South streets to the Schuylkill River anchors the festival, which also includes live music, arts and crafts vendors and a mouth-watering array of traditional West African street food.

breaking boundaries in hip-hop with his skillful wordplay and sultry electronic beats. This year he dropped his seventh studio album, "The Impossible Kid," which, as one critic writes, "offers a powerful glimpse at his scarred psyche." Bear witness to his form of genius when he performs at Union Transfer Saturday night.

#### Beth Orton

June 12, 7:30-11 p.m.  
The Foundry at the Fillmore  
29 E. Allen St.  
\$25  
British singer-songwriter Beth Orton pioneered the "folktronica" movement, with her seamless blending of guitar riffs and synth sounds. On her latest album, "Kidsticks," she all but ditches her folk roots for a mesmerizing exploration of the electronic realm. See how well she tackles the switch up at her performance in town Sunday night.

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# Just a ride away

Make the most of a weekend escape to the Berkshires.

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The Porches at MASS MoCA PROVIDED

The sprawling hills of Western Massachusetts aren't just reserved for the #leafpeeping shots on your Instagram feed — they're alive with a vibrant arts and a culinary scene that's worthy of a weekend away.

We asked Jodi Joseph, the communications director at MASS MoCA, the converted factory-cum-contemporary art museum in North Adams, for her picks for a perfect two-day escape into the mountains.

## WHERE TO STAY

Unsurprisingly, Joseph suggests the Porches Inn at MASS MoCA, but it's for good reason. The trendy row house-inspired boutique

hotel features a 24-hour heated pool, pup-friendly accommodations and a complimentary breakfast buffet — or delivery! Plus, she adds, "You're likely to bump into an exhibiting artist or performer at the reception desk."

WTF's small stage, the Nikkos." The Barrington Stage and Chester Theater have hot tickets this summer for theater junkies of all ages. "But the best music show of the summer might just be Dolly Parton at Tanglewood!"

Come from the north? Whitney's Farm Store in Cheshire is your go-to.

## WHAT TO EAT LATER

The Berkshires are full of innovative local makers dishing out goodies to stock your picnic basket as well as your fridge at home. Joseph recommends award-winning cheeses from Williamstown's Cricket Creek Farm, fermented goodies in flavors like gochu curry or kimchi from Housatonic's Hosta Hill Kraut and bags of artisanal granola from Great Barrington's BOLA.

## WHERE TO SPEND YOUR CASH

"The gift shop at The Berkshire Botanical Garden in Housatonic is one of the most fabulous, with its distinctly Berkshire flavor," says Joseph. "I'm also a fan of Local in Lenox, Mad Macs for gadgets and Baldwin General Store in West Stockbridge for things you haven't yet imagined you need."

"I also always find great things at Seeds, especially jewelry, and One Mercantile. No trip to the Berkshires is complete without a stop at the Pine Cone Hill outlet store."

And don't forget to tip your local farmer: "All that said — the best 'shopping' might be at roadside, honor-system farm stands."

## WHAT TO SEE

The Berkshires are a cultural smorgasbord packed to please any arts aficionado. Joseph (naturally) wants you to come to MASS MoCA, and we have to agree. She notes, "[Our] galleries are putting on a serious show with Alex Da Corte, Sarah Crowner and Richard Nonas alongside our landmark exhibitions by Sol LeWitt and Anselm Kiefer, but also with a group show full of 'wow' moments called 'Explode Everyday,' focused on the intersection of art, science and magic." Also, The Clark in Williamstown, she says, will be "filled with nudes from the Prado, including 24 paintings that have never been shown in America — and might not be again!"

She adds that you'll never be disappointed with "anything" from Jacob's Pillow and the Williamstown Theatre Festival, noting, "I prefer the edgy fare on

## WHAT TO EAT NOW

"The best dinner spot in the county is the Dream Away Lodge," says Joseph. "Where else does your meal come with live music every night, a roaring fire pit, bathroom art gallery, garden labyrinth and woodland ballroom — all at the top of a mountain bordering a state with over 16,000 acres of forest?"

Or: "If they're full, the other best dinner spot in the county is Bascom Lodge at the top of Mount Greylock, where the prix fixe menu changes nightly and on Wednesdays comes with an edifying talk, walk or film. Spend the night so you can wake up with one of their freshly baked blueberry muffins."

Catching a dinner-time show at Tanglewood and need a killer sandwich to-go? "Everyone knows the best takeaway is at Guido's Fresh Marketplace in Pittsfield and Great Barrington," says Joseph.



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# Eagles' Cox says he's 'expecting to be at training camp'

Eagles' head coach Doug Pederson also says he expects Fletcher Cox to catch on to new defensive scheme quickly.



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Fletcher Cox has no new contract, but he's back at the NovaCare Complex and suiting up in midnight green — and talking to the press.

"I am here today and I think that's all that matters," he said, surrounded by reporters at his locker Wednesday. "I am not worried about the past."

The defensive end

is starting fresh, a little later than the rest of the team in Jim Schwartz' 4-3 scheme. But no one is worried. By the time training camp starts (which Cox claims he is "expecting" to attend), Cox will be completely up to speed.

"When I got here on Monday I got the playbook," Cox said, confirming speculation that he hadn't seen the playbook before minicamp. "I am a professional athlete."

"He missed all the installation," Doug Pederson said when asked about Cox playing catch-up. "It goes back to April 4. I am not concerned with Fletcher Cox. He can play the game of football. He's a sharp guy, it's not going to take much or long for

him to catch on."

Having adjusted and dominated in Chip Kelly's 3-4, much anticipation exists to witness Cox revert back to the 4-3, a defensive philosophy that could bring out the best in Cox next season.

"That's why they brought me here," Cox said. "It's what I played in college and my first year in the league. I am really excited to see what I can bring to the table."

If it seems Pederson and Schwartz are excited to have Cox back, just ask his fellow defensive players. They are over the moon.

"Oh yeah," Brandon Graham said, commenting on how much better the defensive line is with Cox alongside him,



Fletcher Cox is expected to thrive in the Eagles' return to the 3-4 defense. GETTY IMAGES

"especially with the line we got, all of us working together and being on one page, I am excited, man. We are deep as far as the depth behind us. I am excited to bring along the rookies and

the people we already have here and be the dominant force."

And learning a new defense?

"Fletch has been through this before as far as this defense," Gra-

ham said. "It's just different terminology but I think he has the concept down on what you need to do: rush, crush and close — and that's pretty much what you need to know."

## Matthews defends Howard, calls out bottle-thrower

Jordan Matthews knows what it's like to deal with the pressure of being a professional athlete. As the Eagles' top wide receiver, he plays the No. 1 sport in the country in front of one of the most die-hard fan bases in the country.

So recent events involving Ryan Howard, who before Tuesday night's go-ahead homer is in a career-worst slump, need to be put in perspective. Matthews contends that Howard is not intentionally struggling and fans need to understand that.

"Nobody is a harder critic on a top athlete than himself," the receiver said Wednesday before taking the field for mandatory minicamp. "So as many beer bottles as you want to throw, we are throwing just as many at ourselves personally. There's no reason for it."

It's gone down in the same Philly sports lore as the battery-thrower, Pukemon and a notorious list of other fans behaving badly. The assailant



Matthews will be a favorite target for Sam Bradford again next season. GETTY IMAGES

who has yet to be arrested for throwing a Bud Light Lime bottle at Howard Saturday did not need to take it to that extreme, Matthews said.

"If an athlete is not showing good effort, has a bad attitude, by all means boo him," Matthews said. "I wouldn't like it from anybody, I wouldn't like it if a cashier from McDonald's shows a bad attitude, but I am not about to walk into Wells Fargo and go at it, or throw a bottle at the bank teller. I would get arrested and be on the front page of ESPN. People need

to pump the breaks and show a little respect."

The wideout, who was just shy of eclipsing 1,000 yards receiving last season and will likely be atop the Eagles' depth chart, wants to give Philly fans their due. Most of them know how to be a good fan.

"From what I've seen, especially Eagles fans, the word is 'honesty,'" he said. "When you are doing well, they love you — and when you are doing bad they let you know. I haven't had a situation where a fan was extremely disrespectful to me." EVAN MACY

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# MLB draft stirs memories for Phils players, young and old

The Phillies have the first overall pick Thursday night.

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Whether you're the No. 7 pick in the first round in 2014 — like Aaron Nola — No. 483 in the 16th round in 2005 — like David Hernandez — or somewhere in between — like Cameron Rupp and Ryan Howard — the Major League Baseball draft will always hold a special place in your heart.

After all, it's the first time you can truly start to believe that dream of one day becoming a major leaguer might not be such a fantasy.

"It's an exciting time," said the 31-year-old Hernandez, who actually was drafted three times — in high school and both years at California's Cosumnes River College. "Growing up, you dream of playing in the big leagues and don't really understand the process it takes afterward."

"We just kind of got around the computer back then. It wasn't on TV yet. My third year I had certain teams calling asking if you'll take this much if we draft you in this or that round. Fortunately, I had a deal in place."

"One of those guys will be the Phillies' selection with the No. 1 pick when the 2016 draft gets underway Thursday night. According to Nola, who said he knew nothing for certain until then-Commissioner Bud Selig announced the Phils had taken him, that top pick should savor the moment.

"Take it all in," said Nola, realizing how far he's come since he and his fellow LSU teammates — several of whom had also been drafted — cele-



Aaron Nola made the leap to the big leagues less than two years after being drafted from LSU. GETTY IMAGES

brated just two years ago. "Embrace every moment of it and let your family embrace every moment."

"It's a cool thing to go through."

Even when the team that picks you comes as a complete surprise.

"One of the first meetings I had that year [2010] was with the Phillies and then I didn't hear from [them] the rest of the season," recalled Rupp, the Phils' third-round pick from Texas. "Once the draft came around, four or five teams called and said we want to take you here or here, and not one of them did."

"It was the second day of the draft and we were at practice getting ready for the Super Regionals. When they told me the Phillies took me it was a surprise."

"Then I remember

*It's just amazing how far it's come. Ten years ago it wasn't on TV. Now they're flying guys up to MLB Network headquarters for the first round."*

David Hernandez

going back and looking at my phone and having all kinds of messages from everybody. So this week brings back some of those memories and the experience. A big part of these kids' lives is gonna change. It'll be the beginning of a dream not everybody gets to live out."

Back home in St. Louis, Howard kept hearing conflicting stories.

"I didn't know what to believe," admitted the Phils' 2001 fifth-round pick. "You hear you're gonna be drafted sooner

by some people — and then some say lower."

"So I just had to wait and see. I didn't really do much to celebrate. I think we just had some friends over and then went out."

Thursday night and continuing through Saturday, hundreds of prospective major leaguers will be constantly checking their phones waiting for their names to be called. It's an exhilarating, yet agonizing time.

At the same moment, it's a time they'll be certain to never forget.

## Copa America preview: Uruguay takes on Venezuela at the Linc

Coming into the pivotal second matches for Group B on Thursday night, it is doubtful that many expected Uruguay and Venezuela to be in their respective current situations. Venezuela knocked off Jamaica, 1-0, on Sunday afternoon at Chicago's Soldier Field while Uruguay fell 3-1 to Mexico later that night at University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Arizona. Still, it would be a major upset if Venezuela was able to also beat Uruguay at Lincoln Financial Field.

At least on paper this should be a mismatch since in the latest FIFA world rankings from last Thursday, Uruguay was No. 9 while Venezuela checked in at No. 77 (only Bolivia at No. 82 is lower in the 2016 Copa America field of 16 teams). Still, the beauty of soccer tournaments like this is that anything can happen in a given game. Venezuela most likely will be playing with a packed-in defense hoping for a draw (1 point) while Uruguay desperately needs a win (3 points) to progress to next week's quarterfinals. Jamaica meets Mexico in the other Group B match on Thursday (10, Fox Sports 1) at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California. It's hard to see Jamaica

getting any points there so they're likely to finish fourth, which means that Venezuela and Uruguay are just trying to avoid third-place since Mexico looks like one of the top teams in the tournament and should be favored to come in first in Group B.

Uruguay trailed right off the bat vs. Mexico, allowing an own goal in the fourth minute. Mexican midfielder Andres Guardado picked up his second yellow in the 73rd minute (making it 10-on-10) and Uruguayan defender Diego Godin tied it up a minute later. Mexico ended with a flourish though as defender Rafael Marquez scored the go-ahead goal in the 85th minute and midfielder Hector Herrera added an insurance tally in injury time.

Venezuela did most of its work in an eventful first half against Jamaica as striker Josef Martinez scored the game's lone goal in the 15th minute and Jamaican midfielder Rodolph Austin received a harsh red card in the 23rd minute.

The good news for Uruguay is that with Mexico out of the way, they should beat Venezuela and Jamaica. If they don't, it will be a major failure by one of the world's top men's national teams. RICH SLATE



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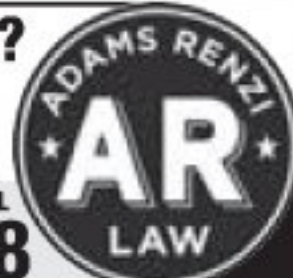
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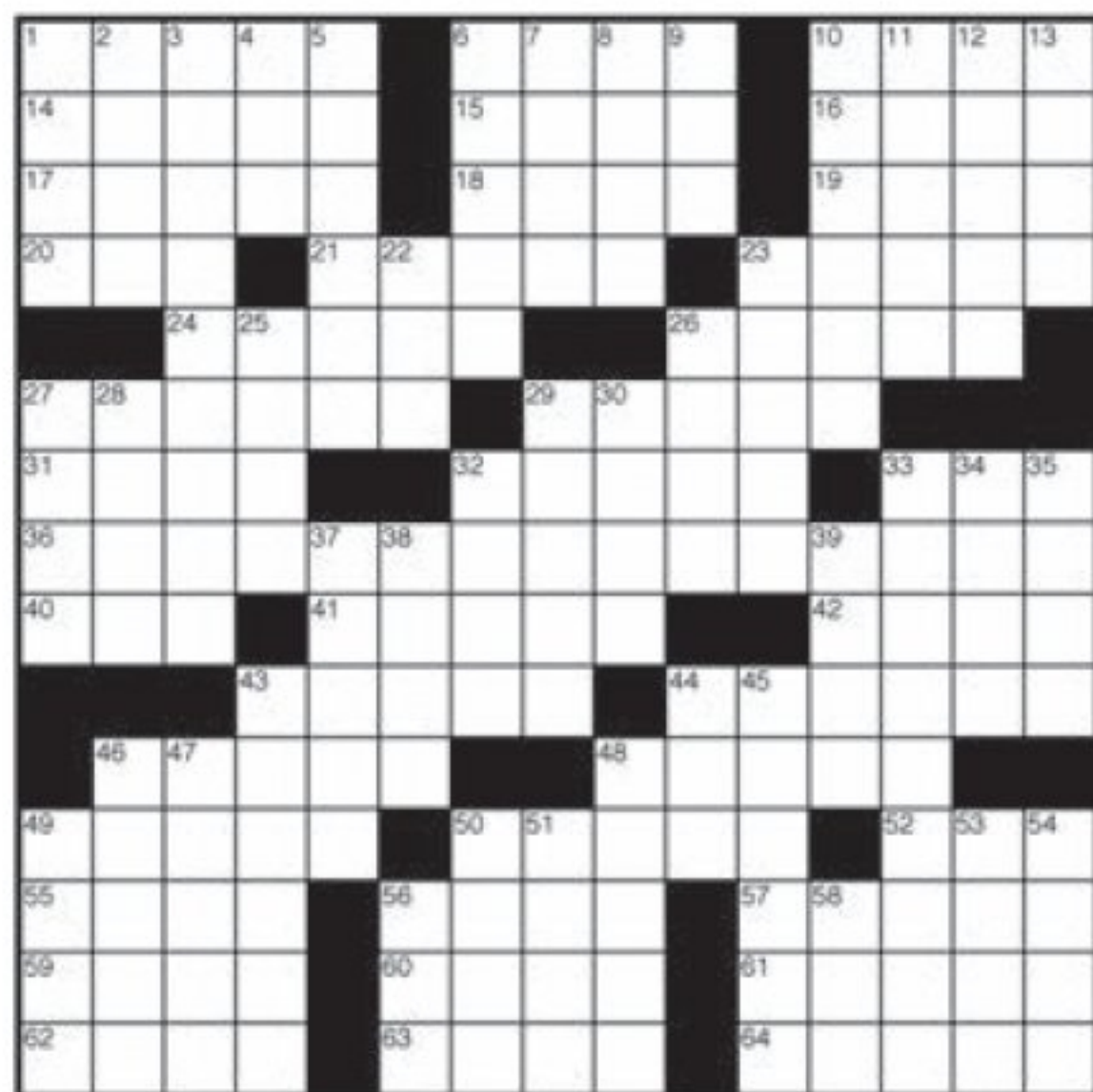
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### Across

- 1 Bactrian
- 6 — dunk
- 10 Nose stimulus
- 14 I give up!
- 15 Cronyn of "Cocoon"
- 16 Count on
- 17 Is way cool
- 18 Beside oneself
- 19 Edit out
- 20 Forensic science tool
- 21 Digs
- 23 Long distance haulers
- 24 River or wine
- 26 Indifferent
- 27 Glossy fabric
- 29 Mover's rental (hyph.)
- 31 Radius companion
- 32 Beeper
- 33 Eur. airline
- 36 Short on cash (3 wds.)
- 40 Sleet-covered
- 41 Wedding-cake layers
- 42 Blah
- 43 "The Prisoner of —"
- 44 Flew low
- 46 Altiplano ruminant
- 48 Gold-orange gem
- 49 Water conduits
- 50 Yet to come
- 52 Scamp
- 55 All, in combos
- 56 Explorer — Heyerdahl

## metro.us /games

- 57 Astaire sister
- 59 Do dock work
- 60 Zillions of years
- 61 Physicist Nikola —
- 62 1917 abdicator
- 63 Small fry
- 64 Basso Simon —

### Down

- 1 Whey opposite
- 2 Erelong
- 3 Paul of the Fab Four
- 4 Antlered animal
- 5 Mann or Nielsen
- 6 Fountain treat
- 7 Winter Olympics event

- 8 Cookie man
- 9 Actress — Ryan
- 10 Trial
- 11 Considers
- 12 Kukla's pal
- 13 Deli loaves
- 22 Motel of yore
- 23 Losing streak
- 25 Recover
- 26 Empty
- 27 Whirling dervish
- 28 Baldwin of films
- 29 Infra opposite
- 30 Mocking laughs
- 32 Long in the tooth
- 33 Flashiest
- 34 Peak
- 35 Lean-to
- 37 Account entries
- 38 1492 caravel
- 39 Chichen — (Mayan ruins)
- 43 More wacky
- 44 Jungle crusher
- 45 Latest news
- 46 Lhasa monks
- 47 Ronstadt or Hunt
- 48 Pithy
- 49 Lose hair
- 50 Mariner's hello
- 51 Bumper-sticker word
- 53 Fr. miss
- 54 Pod contents
- 56 Lunar New Year
- 58 — Moines

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easy

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 9 |   |   |   | 6 |   | 1 | 2 |
|   |   |   |   | 9 |   |   | 6 | 3 |
|   |   |   | 4 |   |   |   |   |   |
| 2 |   |   |   | 6 |   | 3 | 7 |   |
| 3 |   |   | 9 | 2 | 8 |   |   | 6 |
|   | 6 | 4 |   | 1 |   |   |   | 9 |
|   |   |   |   |   | 3 |   |   |   |
| 1 | 7 |   |   | 8 |   |   |   |   |
| 6 | 3 |   | 2 |   |   |   | 5 | 7 |

hard

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| 3 |   | 6 |   | 7 | 4 | 8 |   | 5 |
|   | 5 |   | 3 |   |   |   |   |   |
| 6 |   |   |   | 3 |   | 9 |   | 1 |
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| 9 |   | 1 | 5 | 2 |   | 4 |   | 7 |
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**Aries** A trip will help you more clearly see a situation you face. A partnership can be adjusted to improve communication and cooperation. Romance will improve your day.



**Taurus** You cannot buy love or use emotional manipulation to get your way. Youngsters will try your patience and arguments will not solve matters. Learn from past mistakes.



**Gemini** If something doesn't seem right, you need to ask questions. Don't be a follower, or you will end up being used. Home and personal improvements will boost your confidence.



**Cancer** Don't let the unexpected changes going on around you cause stress and worry. Go about your business and follow your chosen path. Trust in your imagination and don't fear being unique.



**Leo** Think twice before you share your opinion. Not everyone will agree, putting you in a compromising position. Put more effort into self-preservation, health and appearance.



**Virgo** Refuse to let anyone force you to make a premature decision on an issue. Use your intelligence to turn any situation you face to your favor.



**Libra** Don't hold back. If you believe in something, speak up and share your thoughts. Your passion and deliberate actions will help bring about compelling change.



**Scorpio** Don't feel the need to work with just anyone. If you carefully consider with whom you want to collaborate, you will find the road to victory without delay.



**Sagittarius** You'll be intrigued by an offer. Before you put your trust in someone, make sure the ideas presented are sound. Traveling and making new acquaintances will do you good.



**Capricorn** An opportunity to make money or expand a project will need your undivided attention. Pull in people from your past to help you turn your dream into reality.



**Aquarius** Say little and do a lot. Being observant and objective will help you alleviate trouble. Upgrades to your home, relationships or physical appearance will lift your spirits.



**Pisces** Take a short trip and interact with people you can learn from. Don't let anyone treat you poorly. Speak up and take action. It's up to you to initiate personal change. **EUGENIA LAST**

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